

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

### In the Specification

Please insert as the first paragraph of the specification:

-- The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/444,044 filed November 19, 1999, entitled "OPERATOR INDEPENDENT, TRANSPARENT WIRELESS MODEM MANAGEMENT". --

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 1, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

-- This application is related to U.S. patent application Ser. No. ~~[not yet assigned]~~ ~~[attorney docket 245/186]~~ 09/444,020, now abandoned, entitled "EVENT DETECTION AND NOTIFICATION MODEM", filed on the same day herewith, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. --

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 10, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

-- After either step 316 or step 320, the initial processing terminates. It is noted, however, that processing likely involves further steps or specific functions that don't involve the actual handoff or identification of inbound SMS messages. Since such specific processing steps are generally beyond the scope of the invention, they are not further detailed hereinafter, rather, in step 516 it is simply noted that the wireless modem processes the SMS message appropriately. In most cases, the same routines that handle data or commands from the user equipment 220 (for example the notification algorithms or other routines, as are described in U.S. Patent application Serial Nos. ~~[not yet assigned]~~ ~~(attorney docket no. 245/186)~~ 09/444,020, now abandoned, which has been

incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, and ~~[not yet assigned] (attorney docket no. 243/151)~~ 09/400,623, now U.S. Patent No. 6,363,335, entitled, "DATA TERMINAL APPARATUS", filed September 20, 1999, which is now incorporated herein by reference in its entirety) are used to handle data and commands passed from the head-end server 216 by way of SMS messaging.